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(c) if so, the reason for this discrimination and the principles on which licences for the use of mikes are granted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

Depletion of the Ambapoor and Ulliakudi forests.

* 1245 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint, dated 1st March 1954, from one A. R. Srinivasan of Ambapoor, Udaiyarpalayam taluk, regarding the continued depletion of the Ambapoor and Ulliakudi forests due to the negligence and corrupt practices of the Forest department subordinates; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The District Forest Officer, Tiruchirappalli, has however received a petition, dated 1st March 1954, from Sri A. R. Srinivasan of Ambapoor.

" (b) Some allegations of a general nature are made in the petition against the beat subordinates of Silambur and Andimatam beats of Udayarpalayam Range. The District Forest Officer has asked the Range Officer, Udayarpalayam, to inspect these two beats, enquire into the allegations and take necessary action in the matter."

Point Four aid for Harijan Welfare.

* 1246 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State has got any assistance under the Point Four aid for Harijan Welfare; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Abolition of courts consequent on the operation of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954.

* 1247 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of the number of courts which may have to be abolished on account of the operation of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954; and

(b) how the retrenched officers should be provided for in case of such abolition of courts?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A statement[a] showing the details of courts abolished on account of the operation of the Act is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) After the abolition of the courts, the retrenched officers will be reverted to their original posts, if they are promotees and ousted if they are direct recruits."

Repairs to tanks in the zamindari and shrotriyam villages in Chingleput district.

* 1248 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many tanks in the zamindari villages of Chingleput district have not been repaired so far;

(*b*) whether the Government have prepared any estimates for repairing the tanks in the zamindari and shrotriyam villages of that district;

(*c*) whether all the zamindari villages in the Chingleput district have been taken over by the Government; and

(*d*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 766 tanks.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 700 குளங்களில் எத்தனை குளங்களை செப்பனிட சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? அவைகளைப்பற்றி சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாகிலும் மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றனவா ? அதனை கவனிப்பதற்கு பிரயத்தனங்கள் செய்கிறார்களா ? இல்லாவிட்டால் காரணங்கள் என்ன என்பதைக் கூற முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" About 43 tanks have already been repaired. Another estimate has been made ready for about 280 tanks and repairing of 85 more tanks is under scrutiny."

Cultivation of waste lands in the Kadambuliyur firka in South Arcot district.

* 1249 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many acres of land are lying idle without proper cultivation in the Kadambuliyur firka in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 6,952·57 acres of lands in holdings and 2,024·15 acres of Government waste lands."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" ஸார், காடாம்புலியூரை டெவலப்மெண்ட் ஏரியாவில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படி இருந்தும் அங்கு அநேகம் நிலங்கள் பயிரிடப்படாமல் இருக்கின்றன. அவ்விதம் பயிரிடுவதற்கு அங்கு

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 480 infra.